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"REPLACEMENT OF U.S. ENVOY WENDY CHAMBERLIN UNDER
CONSIDERATION," "UMMAT" (04/04)

"FAISALABAD: AMERICAN AGENCIES MONITORED THE MOVEMENT
OF AL-QAEDA MEMBERS FOR 2 MONTHS; PAKISTANI
INTELLIGENCE AGENCIES WERE KEPT IN THE DARK,"
"KHABRAIN" (04/04)

"ABU ZUBAYDA KILLED ONE AMERICAN COMMANDO DURING THE
FAISALABAD OPERATION," "PAKISTAN" (04/04)

"RAIDS IN LAHORE TO ARREST AL-QAEDA MEMBERS: AMERICAN
OFFICERS ARRIVE AT CHUUNG POLICE STATION," "DIN"
(04/04)

"TWO AL-QAEDA MEMBERS HELD IN LAHORE, ONE ESCAPES,"
"JANG" (04/04)

"21 AL-QAEDA WARRIORS CAPTURED FROM MANSEHRA; WEAPONS,
MAPS AND DOCUMENTS RECOVERED," "KHABRAIN" (04/04)

"ALL METHODS OF INVESTIGATION FAIL; AL-QAEDA MEMBERS
REFUSE TO SAY ANYTHING; AGENCIES CONCERNED," "DIN"
(04/04)

"COMMANDO OPERATION BY GUJRANWALA POLICE; 6 MEMBERS OF
BANNED RELIGIOUS GROUP; LASHKAR-I-JHANGVI MEMBER AHSAN
MUAVIA ARRESTED FROM CHISHTIAN; WEAPONS AND 80 LAKH
RUPEES RECOVERED," "DIN" (04/04)

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"AL-QAEDA LEADER FLEES AFTER GETTING ADVANCE WARNING
OF RAID," NAWA-E-QAQT" (04/04)

"IRAN IS A SAFE PASSAGE FOR AL-QAEDA TERRORISTS; U.S.
DEMANDS CHANGE IN IRANIAN GOVERNMENT: (RUMSFELD),"
"DIN" (04/04)

"FBI SEEKS PERMISSION TO SET UP 16 POSTS IN PAKISTAN,"
"PAKISTAN" (04/04)

"U.S. EMBASSY IN BEIRUT ATTACKED," "JASARAT" (04/04)

"SHARON ORDERS KILLING OF DANIEL PEARL'S ASSASSINS,"
"JASARAT" (04/04)

"EL-SALVADOR RECALLS DIPLOMATIC STAFF FROM ISRAEL;
EGYPT SEVERS TIES WITH ISRAEL; DECISION TO DEPLOY
LEBANESE AND SYRIAN TROOPS ALONG THE BORDER," "DIN"
(04/04)

"GENERAL FAHEEM (AFGHAN INTERIM GOVT. DEFENSE
MINISTER) OFFERS CLANDESTINE ALLIANCE TO TALIBAN,"

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"UMMAT" (04/04)

-- NEWS

-- PAKISTAN POLITICAL SITUATION

2. "CABINET OKAYS REFERENDUM: MUSHARRAF TO ADDRESS
NATION TOMORROW," "DAWN" (04/04)

QUOTE: THE CABINET AND THE NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL
ON WEDNESDAY UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED THE HOLDING OF A
REFERENDUM TO EXTEND MUSHARRAF'S RULE FOR A TERM OF
FIVE YEARS AFTER THE EXPIRATION OF HIS PRESENT TERM
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AFTER THE OCTOBER GENERAL ELECTIONS. THE PRESIDENT MAY
ANNOUNCE THE DATE FOR THE REFERENDUM IN HIS ADDRESS TO

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THE NATION SCHEDULED FOR FRIDAY. INFORMED CIRCLES
SAID THE REFERENDUM WOULD MOST PROBABLY BE HELD ON MAY
6.... END QUOTE.

-- TERRORISM

3. "PLAN TO HIT U.S. INTERESTS FOILED," "DAWN"
(04/04)

QUOTE: A SPECIAL TEAM OF AMERICAN AND LOCAL LAW
ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES SUCCEEDED IN EXTORTING VITAL
INFORMATION FROM THE AL-QAEDA MEMBERS ARRESTED DURING
THURSDAY'S OPERATION JOINTLY CONDUCTED IN THE CITY BY
THE FBI AND THE LOCAL POLICE. WELL-PLACED SOURCES
REVEALED ON WEDNESDAY THAT AL-QAEDA LEADERS WERE
PLANNING ATTACKS ON AMERICAN INSTALLATIONS AND
EMBASSIES IN VARIOUS COUNTRIES THROUGH A WELL-
ORGANIZED NETWORK. THE PLAN HAD BEEN FINALIZED BUT
BEFORE IT COULD BE EXECUTED THE AL-QAEDA MEN WITH
THEIR CHIEF ABU ZUBAYDAH WERE ARRESTED.... END QUOTE.

-- MIDDLE EAST PEACE PROCESS

4. "WILL ISRAEL PAY ANY ATTENTION TO THE ICFM'S
THREAT OF 'ALL-OUT-WAR'? E-POLL," "THE NATION" (04/04)

YES	NO	CAN'T SAY
14%	84%	2%

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5. "MUSHARRAF IN KABUL," AN EDITORIAL IN THE KARACHI-
BASED INDEPENDENT NATIONAL DAILY, "DAWN" (04/04)

QUOTE: WITH MUTUAL PLEDGES TO WIPE OUT TERRORISM AND
DENY SANCTUARIES TO TERRORISTS HOSTILE TO EITHER
COUNTRY, PRESIDENT MUSHARRAF AND CHAIRMAN KARZAI HAVE
TAKEN ONE MORE STEP FORWARD TOWARD CONSOLIDATING
FRIENDSHIP BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES.... GIVEN THE
GOODWILL ON BOTH SIDES, THE DISCUSSIONS HELD IN KABUL
SHOULD LEAD TO THE EVOLUTION OF COMMON POLICIES ON
SUCH ISSUES AS TRANSIT TRADE, THE RETURN OF AFGHAN
REFUGEES, THE START OF AIR FLIGHTS AND THE WAR ON

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POPPY CULTIVATION AND HEROIN SMUGGLING. IT IS IN THIS SPIRIT THAT THE TWO COUNTRIES SHOULD PROCEED AND WORK FOR PEACE AND PROSPERITY FOR THEIR PEOPLES WHO SHARE INDISSOLUBLE BONDS OF RELIGION AND CULTURE. END

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QUOTE.

6. "MUSHARRAF'S TRIP TO KABUL," AN EDITORIAL IN THE
ISLAMABAD'S RIGHTIST ENGLISH DAILY, "PAKISTAN
OBSERVER" (04/04)

QUOTE: ... PAKISTAN IS OBVIOUSLY KEEN TO SEE AN
EARLY INITIATION OF THE PROCESS OF REHABILITATION AND
RECONSTRUCTION IN AFGHANISTAN, WHICH HAS ENDURED
UNPRECEDENTED TURMOIL OVER THE PAST QUARTER OF A
CENTURY DUE TO FOREIGN OCCUPATION AND FRATRICIDAL WAR.
THE DEATH AND DESTRUCTION CAUSED DURING THE U.S.-LED
MILITARY OPERATIONS IN AFGHANISTAN AGAINST TALIBAN AND
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AL-QAIDA OUTFIT IN THE CONTEXT OF THE ANTI-TERRORISM
DRIVE IN RECENT MONTHS HAS ADDED A NEW DIMENSION TO
THE DELUGE. TO ENSURE SECURITY AND TO START THE TASK
OF REHABILITATION AND RECONSTRUCTION IS, THEREFORE,
THE INTERIM AFGHAN ADMINISTRATION'S FIRST PRIORITY.
PRESIDENT MUSHARRAF HAS REITERATED HIS UNSTINTED
SUPPORT TO MR. KARZAI IN HIS ENDEAVORS TO REBUILD THE
ADMINISTRATIVE AND JUDICIAL INFRASTRUCTURE, BESIDES
RE-ESTABLISHING BUSINESS, TRADE, AGRICULTURE AND
SOCIAL SECTORS TO REVIVE THE NATIONAL ECONOMY.
PAKISTAN HAS ALREADY ANNOUNCED 100 MILLION DOLLARS
ASSISTANCE IN THIS CONNECTION.... THAT WILL CERTAINLY
GO A LONG WAY NOT ONLY IN ESCHEWING MISCONCEPTIONS,
BUT WILL ALSO CONTRIBUTE SIGNIFICANTLY TOWARDS
ELIMINATION OF TERRORISM FROM THE REGION.... END
QUOTE.

-- INDO-PAK TENSIONS

7. "CROSS-BORDER TERRORISM ALLEGATION ON PAKISTAN
REJECTED," AN EDITORIAL IN THE LEADING MASS
CIRCULATION URDU DAILY, "JANG" (04/04)

QUOTE: NOW THAT THE UNITED STATES HAS ABSOLVED

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PAKISTAN OF THE INDIAN CHARGES OF CROSS-BORDER
TERRORISM, IT IS EXPECTED THAT OTHER COUNTRIES WILL
FOLLOW SUIT AND THE INDIAN TRICK WILL MEET FAILURE.
END QUOTE.

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8. "OIL AS WEAPON," AN EDITORIAL IN THE KARACHI-BASED
RIGHT-WING PRO-ISLAMIC UNITY URDU DAILY, "JASARAT"
(04/04)

QUOTE: HISTORY IS PROVIDING THE ARABS WITH AN
OPPORTUNITY TO USE THEIR OIL AS WEAPON, WHICH THEY
SHOULD AVAIL. BUT THE ARAB LEADERS ARE NOT WILLING TO
DO SO. THEY ARE JUST PASSING TIME IN THE HOPE THAT
THE PALESTINE ISSUE WILL SOMEHOW BE RESOLVED AND THE
OUTRAGE OF THEIR PUBLIC BOILS DOWN SO THAT THE THREATS
AGAINST THEIR RULE CAN RECEDE. END QUOTE.
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